

**BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES  
MADISON WI  
March 7, 2003  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** June Bahr, Jacqueline Johnsrud, Marie Kohlbeck, Bettye Lawrence, Pamela Maxson-Cooper and Linda Sanner

**EXCUSED:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deanna Zychowski, Bureau Director; Wayne Austin, Legal Counsel; Gina York, Program Assistant and Division of Enforcement staff for portions of the meeting

**GUESTS:** Gina Dennik-Champion, WNA and Kathryn Osborne, WI-ACNM and Observation of (29) Nursing Students.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Linda Sanner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of 6 members was present.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Marie Kohlbeck moved, seconded by June Bahr, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2003**

**Amendments to the Minutes:**

- Under Heading “Administrative Report” in the second to the last sentence add the word “travel” after the words out-of-state.

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper to approve the February 7, 2003, meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Secretary Donsia Strong-Hill and Deputy Secretary Mary Schlaefer attended the Board meeting to introduce themselves and briefly shared some information regarding the Department’s budget and future goals.

## **SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES**

Informational.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF NURSE-MIDWIFES**

Pamela Haack, provided public notification of the public hearing and Chair of the Board of Nursing, Linda Sanner, held the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. There was appearance and testimony by the public in support of this proposed administrative rule. No opposition was made at the hearing.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING WHETHER HEALING TOUCH IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

This topic was to have been removed from the agenda and will be addressed at a future date.

### **REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Pamela Maxson-Cooper reported to the Board that the Committee receiving four comprehensive action plans from the following schools; Western Wisconsin Technical College, Cardinal Stritch, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College and Milwaukee Area Technical College to improve their NCLEX pass rates. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to accept all of the action plans submitted. The Board requested that intermittent updates be submitted to assist with their pass/fail rates and those schools should be reminded that this is a one year time frame to demonstrate improvement in the letters being sent by Ms. Showers.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Open session adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(a)(b)(f) and (g) for the purpose of application reviews, request for stays of suspensions, request for full licensure, request for reinstatement for stay of suspension, approval of refresher course, request for extension of time, deliberation of proposed stipulations, deliberation of proposed administrative warning, deliberation of proposed decision in the matter of disciplinary proceedings, meeting with the Division of Enforcement and consulting with Legal Counsel. Motion carried by roll call vote: June Bahr-yes, Jacqueline Johnsrud-yes, Marie Kohlbeck-yes, Bettye Lawrence-yes, and Linda Sanner-yes.

## **IMPAIRED PROFESSIONALS PROCEDURE (IPP) ISSUES**

### **MS 440**

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to grant the request for discharge from IPP program to MS 440. Motion carried unanimously.

### **GC 364**

**MOTION:** Marie Kohlbeck moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to grant the request for discharge from IPP program to GC 364. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SB 292**

**MOTION:** Marie Kohlbeck moved, seconded by Bettye Lawrence, to grant the request for discharge from IPP program to SB 292. Motion carried unanimously.

### **S.L.**

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to dismiss S.L from the IPP program and refer to DOE. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPEARANCE AND REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THREE MONTH STAY OF SUSPENSION**

### **RITA PITZER, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to deny the request for reinstatement of a three month stay of suspension to Rita Pitzer, RN. Ms. Pitzer may repetition at a later date. Reason for Denial: No supervision and does not have the required urine reports. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THREE MONTH STAY**

### **ELIZABETH HESS, RN**

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to deny the request for reinstatement of a three month stay to Elizabeth Hess, RN. Reason for Denial: Due to positive urine screens. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARY TRAHAN, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to deny the request for reinstatement of a three month stay to Mary Trahan, RN. Reason for Denial: Ms. Trahan's urine screens are not random. Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUESTS FOR FULL LICENSURE**

**MARY BETH ALBERTZ, RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to deny the request for full licensure to Mary Beth Albertz, RN. Reason for Denial: Ms. Albertz has not been compliant for two full years. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARY KANITZ, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to grant full licensure to Mary Kanitz, LPN. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENSION OF LICENSURE**

**BARBARA BENOIT, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to suspend the license for Barbara Benoit, RN. Reason for Denial: Ms. Benoit was due for a three-month stay but no request was received from her therefore a motion to suspend licensure was made. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEIDI RIVER, RN**

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by June Bahr, deny the request for a three-month stay with modifications and to suspend the license for Heidi River, RN. Reason for Denial: Ms. River was found to be diverting with threats of self harm. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REQUESTS FOR STAYS OF SUSPENSION AND/OR MODIFICATIONS**

### **DENNIS BREMER, RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to grant a three-month stay of suspension to Dennis Bremer, RN. Monitoring will send a letter warning that any additional episodes of unprescribed drug use could result in a denial of request for a stay of suspension. The monitor will remind the nurse that the stipulation calls for five years of active and continual practice as a nurse. Motion carried unanimously.

### **TODD COUGHLIN, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to grant a three-month stay of suspension with the modification to reduce therapy to two times per month for Todd Coughlin, RN. Motion carried unanimously.

### **GRETCHEN MACHT, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to grant a three-month stay of suspension for Gretchen Macht, RN. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SANDRA McNAMARA, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to grant a three-month stay of suspension with the modification to allow monthly alternation between her psychiatrist visits to monitor medication therapy and her psychotherapy sessions for Sandra McNamara, RN. Motion carried unanimously.

### **THOMAS SCHMIDT II, RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to grant a three-month stay of suspension with the modification to reduce urine screens to seven per quarter for Thomas Schmidt II, RN. Mr. Schmidt should have work reports submitted on the proper forms in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DEBRA SHOWEN, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to grant a one month stay of suspension to Debra Showen, RN for her to obtain the necessary documentation of AA/NA, therapy, and work reports submitted on the proper forms. Motion carried unanimously.

**LANA SILVERS, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to grant a three-month stay of suspension with the modification to decrease therapy to every other month but no change in urine screens to Lana Silvers, LPN. Ms. Silver should develop a good support network upon release. Motion carried unanimously.

**REBECCA THOMAS, RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to grant a three-month stay of suspension to Rebecca Thomas, RN. Motion carried unanimously.

**STIPULATIONS**

**GREGORY A. BURMEISTER, RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Stipulation in the matter concerning Gregory A. Burmeister, RN. Motion carried unanimously.

**LESLIE ANNE BRANDON, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Stipulation in the matter concerning Leslie Anne Brandon, LPN. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHERYL A. BOYER, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Stipulation and suspension of her license in the matter concerning Cheryl A. Boyer, LPN. Motion carried unanimously.

**POSSIBLE BOARD ORDER VIOLATIONS**

**SUSAN DETERT, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to refer to DOE for violation of her Board Order. Motion carried unanimously.

**FRANCES KORYTKOWSKI, LPN**

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by June Bahr, to refer to DOE for non-compliance with her Board Order and suspected mental illness. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS**

**T.D.H., RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Marie Kohlbeck, to issue an administrative warning for case **99 NUR 171**. Motion carried unanimously.

**M.J.E., RN**

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by Bettye Lawrence, to issue an administrative warning for case **01 NUR 265**. Motion carried unanimously.

**P.A.Z., RN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Marie Kohlbeck, to issue an administrative warning for case **01 NUR 060**. Motion carried unanimously.

**V.M.W., LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Pamela Maxson-Cooper, to issue an administrative warning for case **02 NUR 285**. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPOSED ORDERS FIXING COSTS**

**JULIA M. REED, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to adopt the order fixing costs in the matter of Jill M. Reed, LPN. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARILYN J. GAAR, LPN**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to adopt the order fixing costs in the matter of Marilyn J. Gaar, LPN. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CASE STATUS REPORT**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to close complaint **02 NUR 052**, no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Jacqueline Johnsrud moved, seconded by Bettye Lawrence, to close complaint **01 NUR 083**, for (P1). Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to close complaint **02 NUR 062** for (P3). Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to close the complaint **03 NUR 001** for insufficient evidence. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by June Bahr, to close complaint **02 NUR 141**, for (P4). Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Bettye Lawrence, to go into open session at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Pamela Maxson-Cooper moved, seconded by Jacqueline Johnsrud, to affirm all motions made in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Noted.

## **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

No other business before the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** June Bahr moved, seconded by Marie Kohlbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SCREENING COMMITTEE**

The Screening Committee met in closed session following the adjournment of the Board meeting to screen informal complaints with DOE staff.